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## Change for Children 2016



By **EDDIE MARSH**

*Texas Baptist Home President*

Representatives from 11 churches joined the staff and families of Texas Baptist Home for Children for a day of celebration on June 25. Two trustees who are serving at this time and one former trustee were also present.

Three families who were and are involved in foster care and adoption spoke about their experiences and how God has filled their hearts and in some cases their arms through adoption.

One of the highlights of the program was the testimony of a young lady who spent her teen years at the Baptist Home and is now has a very successful life and marriage. She shared with the audience that she and her husband are now in training in view of becoming parents through adoption with Texas Baptist Home for Children.

Tours of the campus were offered in the morning and afternoon. One of the highlights each year is to have a number of children, who are in our care, on campus for this special day. Since we cannot take the children into our churches, this allows our supporters to see some of the children they support, although, they are blended with the children of the staff and other guest and one would not know one from the other.

A meal of barbeque, hot dogs, and hamburger was served to our guests.

Texas Baptist Home for Children is grateful to those who attend this special day and the churches and individuals who contribute to the Change for Children program.



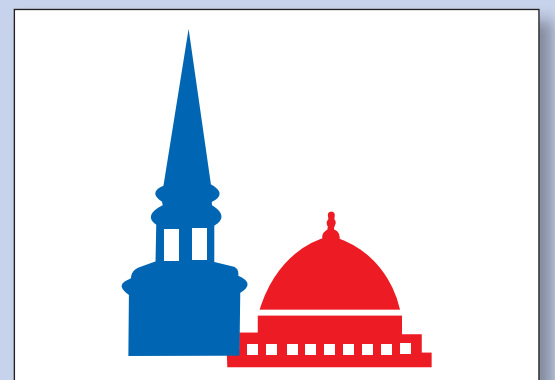
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# Church Health

## Postnatal Care

By LARRY BARKER

Once a baby is born, the first 20-30 minutes are crucial. This time is to make sure the baby is healthy and what steps might need to be taken to ensure their proper development. At one minute and at five minutes an Apgar assessment is performed that checks the heart rate, breathing, muscle tone, reflex response, and color. The newborn's weight and measurements are taken and recorded. The baby is never more dependent upon others than when postnatal care is taking place.

When a person receives Christ as their Lord and Savior we need to consider how important the first 20-30 minutes are for them. All too often we celebrate, and we should, but we do not immediately begin to care for the infant in Christ. It is almost as if they are left to fend for themselves and we believe that they will just naturally grow and develop on their own. They are not ready to care for themselves and they need someone who will guide and help them at this crucial time.

There are two keys to spiritual growth. First, you must begin taking steps immediately. Second, you must continue to take steps constantly. The first key is vitally important but what if you do not know what steps you should take? Yes, the individual believer is personally responsible for his or her own spiritual growth but we also are responsible to these new babes in Christ. We must be available to lead them on a path that will help them grow as quickly and smoothly as possible.

Paul makes this clear in Galatians 4:19, "My children, I am again suffering labor pains for you until Christ is formed in you." Once someone takes the step to become a child of God we must then help him or her to grow and mature knowing that it does not occur just automatically. Consider the importance of postnatal care to the young believer. Someone must be ready to care for them in the areas they are unable to care for themselves by mapping out the next steps they need to take so they mature in the Lord.

What does postnatal care look like for the new believer?

**First, have a designated caregiver.** The first steps for a new believer can usually

be accomplished more effectively in a one on one relationship with a more mature believer. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every time someone made a public profession of faith that they were immediately introduced to a caregiver? The journey begins with someone who can help guide them in the next steps of following Christ. The caregiver begins to assess the new believer's needs.

**Second, relationships are immediately built and deepened.** Titus 2 clearly shows us the importance of older men and women teaching and guiding the younger ones. This is not necessarily older in age but could also be older in their walk and maturity with Christ. Win Arn has said that a new attender needs six new relationships in the first six months for them to stay around; "Six to stick!" It probably must happen much faster in today's world. The caregiver begins the steps toward strong relationships.

**Third, the discipleship process begins immediately by teaching them about the next steps they need to take in their spiritual journey.** What does it mean to be born again? What is baptism and why is it important? Why should they be faithful to attend worship services weekly? What does it look like to read their bible daily and develop a prayer life? Consider all of the things you want the new believer to experience within the first month as a Christian and be prepared to show them the next steps after that.

**Fourth, you demonstrate to them that they are not on this journey alone.** Sometimes they do not realize that help is available. If a mentor was assigned from day one of new birth then it would develop a culture where it is natural that every new believer has a caregiver until they can care for themselves and then help care for someone else. The goal is always to be moving them forward. Remember, the second key to spiritual growth is for them to continue to take steps forward.

**Fifth, keep them moving forward.** Hal Seed, pastor of New Song Church



in Oceanside, California, says this about caring for new believers, "Newborns are pretty much helpless. They can't feed themselves, change themselves, or help themselves in any way except to cry out for momma. Young children, on the other hand, can do many things for themselves. If children are coddled and never learn to take responsibility for feeding and clothing themselves, their personal growth will be stilted."

"Likewise, if teens don't start helping others, their character development is stunted and they wind up as self-absorbed and self-centered adults. Help your people take responsibility for themselves and then for others as early as possible." Constantly moving the new believer toward being a self-feeder and showing them how to progress from the milk of the word to the meat is essential. Then the new believer becomes a maturing believer and the maturing believer can then become a reproducing believer.

Healthy churches care for their newborns. Colossians 1:28-29 says, "We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that they may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me."

*Larry Barker is the pastor of Cornerstone, Jacksonville. He also serves as the operations director for North American Missions. For more information or to contact him, visit www.bmamissions.org.*





# Auxiliaries

## Open homes-open hearts-sweet times

By SHARON COLE

Ladies, the 2016 Texas Women's Retreat is coming soon, Sept. 17 at Cornerstone, Jacksonville. Are you making a special effort this year to show hospitality? Have you opened your home more often this year than last? Have you opened your heart more freely to the people you come in contact with? Has the Lord opened the heart of anyone you have been sharing the Gospel with? Hopefully, prayerfully your answer to every one of these questions is YES!

Remember our theme verse for the year, Acts 16:13,14, "...we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together...the Lord opened her heart." If you struggle with any of the areas addressed by the theme this year, "Open Homes-Open Hearts," then you need to attend the 2016 Texas Women's Retreat scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17.

The theme for the day is "Open Hearts-Open Hearts-Sweet Times." You might ask, "Why sweet times?" Other than the fact that sweets are enjoyable to eat, and that decorations will be super cute, we all know that the sweetest times a Christian can experience are the times spent sharing discussions of the Lord and His Word with brothers and sisters in Christ and them times spent sharing the gospel with unbelievers.

Cherokee District WMA along with Cornerstone, Jacksonville are graciously opening their hearts by hosting the retreat this year. In a sense, they are opening their "home" to us so that we can all experience some "sweet times" together. Cornerstone Baptist Church is located at 1720 South Bolton Street in Jacksonville. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and a very light breakfast will be available during this time. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

It is being designed to encourage and assist you in sharing the gospel and showing hospitality to both believers and unbelievers. Just to whet your appetite for the day, we will

start the program with praise and worship, then a devotional: "Candy Hearts: Conversations with God." Then, there will be some Candy Crush sessions (mini sessions) in both the morning and afternoon such as: "Now and Later," "Determination or Procrastination," Jolly Rancher: Recipes for Company from the Pioneer Woman," or Goobers: Sharing Your Faith When You Feel Inadequate."

As a bonus on Friday evening, you can participate in a "sweet time" of fellowship, prayer, relaxation and information, beginning with a traditional sandwich box dinner from Jason's Deli at 6:30 p.m. There is an additional registration fee if you attend Friday evening. Plan to renew acquaintances and make new friends. Invite all your friends and ladies of your church whether they attend WMA or not. This is going to be such a "sweet time" of fun and fellowship. Let's share it!

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Some of the available Jacksonville hotels, the current available rate, and their contact information are listed below. Please make your own reservations for this event, remembering that rates increase the longer we wait.

#### Holiday Inn Express and Suites

1923 S. Jackson St. 903-589-8900

Rate: \$97

#### LaQuinta Inn and Suites

1902 Jackson St. 903-586-6504

Rate: \$89

#### Best Western Executive Inn

1659 S. Jackson St. 903-586-0007

Rate: \$80

It is important to register by individual or group as soon as possible so adequate preparations for food can be arranged. Deadline for registering is Sept. 1, 2016. Registration fee is \$25 per person. Please specify if you will be attending Friday night session and enclose an additional \$10 for this session and specify if you would like Turkey sandwich or Ham sandwich. In registering, please include name, address, phone, and any dietary requirements. Make check payable to: Cherokee District WMA, Betty Hensley, 302 Lenora St. Jacksonville, TX 75766. For more information contact Johnnie Ross at 903-725-0444 or johnnie.gma.ross@gmail.com.

### TEXAS WMA PROJECT

Each year the Texas WMA chooses a project to support. This year it has been raising funds for Jacksonville College to purchase a tractor with a mower and front-end loader to help move dirt and heavy objects around the campus and do landscaping to make the grounds more beautiful. As of June 1 we have received \$4,681.56 for the project. Let's join together and raise the funds to help our college. Here are some ideas for a summer time get together: Barbeque Cook-Off Contest-Entry fee to enter your dish into the contest. Let audience vote by \$1 or \$5 per vote for best dish in different categories. Adult Spelling Bee: This can be fun and successful with about 10 volunteers than can help you pull it off! Have people pay to sit in a cheering section marked for each volunteer. Choose an emcee and words for them to spell. Animal Photo Contest: This is a fun way to raise money without too much work. Set up a photo booth and charge to take pictures of people with their animals. Have a parade of animals and people will vote for their choice. \$1 per vote. Vote as many times as you want. Cow Paddy Toss: See who can toss a dry cow paddy the farthest. Lots of laughs! Everyone pays to enter the contest. Decide on an entry fee or donation basis. Dunk Tank: (Dunk tanks can be rented from rental companies) Do a Dunk a Deacon, or Dunk the Preacher. Everyone pays to try to dunk them or the Deacons or Preacher pays big-time not to get in the tank. Dinner For A Night: Auction off prepared home-cooked meals that will be delivered to the homes. Start bids open at \$35 or choose your own starting price. Mail all project money to: Texas Corresponding Secretary: Jo Strong, 149 NW Suzanne Terrace, Burleson, TX 76028.



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## An expression of everlasting love

Many of our friends choose to honor or remember a family member, a friend or an associate with a gift for the children of the Baptist Home. Texas Baptist Home, in turn, notifies the appropriate person. Listed in capital letters are those honored or remembered from June 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016.

### HONORARIUMS

**ENTERPRISE FATHER'S:** Enterprise Baptist Church WMA

**OUR LORD:** Earlene Crenshaw

**GORDON & SHARON MCCOOL'S 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson

**STEVE & LARAN WILSON'S WEDDING:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson

**WILLARD & LIZ BAXLEY:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**LAURA BEESON:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**LEVY DELINO:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**DOROTHY HALL:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**ARLENE DAVIS:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**LORETTA RASTELLI:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**MR & MRS RICHARD ROSENDALE:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**ANGELINA LEYVAS:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**MR & MRS KEN HOFFPAUIR:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**LINDA RICHARDSON:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**MR & MRS DUSTIN REDMAN:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**JOHN REDMAN:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

**JAMES SCHAFER:** Bellaire Baptist Church; Beacon Baptist Church; First Berean Baptist Church

### MEMORIALS

**WALTER BECKER:** Dennis & Ilona Myrice

**TOMMY O BLAKLEY:** Betty Blakley

**JOANNE BOOTH:** Harold & Jocie Lewis

**LLOYD CAPPS:** Andy & Nell McCuiston

**HAROLD "MERT" CARNAHAW:** Jerry Null; Robert & Becky Palmer

**LEON CARTER:** Sheppard Drive Baptist Church, Euless

**OWEN DRY:** Dorrell Freeman

**SONNY & JANIE DUNAVANT:** Margaret Wolf

**CARMELITA ELMS:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson

**BILL GEIER:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson

**LEAH GIBSON:** Jed & Glenice Whitaker; Jon Williamson

**GLORIA GODDARD:** Rosewood Baptist Church; Charles & Charlotte Johnson

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**HEATH:** Jimmy Ray & Cynthia Green

**LESTER HURTT:** Bill McKelvey

**JEANNE JEFFCOAT:** James & Linda Sockwell

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**DAVID JONES:** Jed & Glenice Whitaker

**FELICITAS MARES:** Jim & Pam Moore

**DORA LANELL MCANDREWS:** Calvary Baptist Church, Midlothian

**JIMMIE RAY MCMAHAN:** Calvary Baptist Church

**JUANITA MCMAHON:** Rayburn & Margaret McCown

**PAT MCNEEL:** Larry & Pat Kerby; Brent Swanner; Jed & Glenice Whitaker; Jon Williamson

**VIRGINIA MULLINAX:** Seltman & Kaplan P.C.

**BILL PARROTT:** Red Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Tyler

**DORIS PECK:** Jim & Pam Moore

**SHIRLEY REYNOLDS:** David & Marjorie Gilmer

**BAILEE RUSSELL:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson; Jed & Glenice Whitaker; Timothy & Rhonda Thompson; Jon Williamson

**KAREN SATTERFIELD:** Jon Williamson

**TARA SMITH:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson

**JEFF WADE:** Lena Ruth Green



JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

# Failure

By DR. MIKE SMITH

Jacksonville College President

Megan McArdle's book, *The Upside of Down* shows the benefits of failure. It tells of an experiment involving various groups such as engineers, lawyers, business leaders, and kindergarteners. For the experiment, each group was given 20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti, a meter of tape, and a piece of string and then instructed to see who could create the largest structure within an 18-minute time limit. Can you guess who did the best? Yes, it was the kindergarteners. Why? They did not worry about failure; they just "got after it" and kept going even when collapses occurred. Even your own Jacksonville College staff has participated in this experiment.

Proverbs 24:16 says, "a just man falleth seven times and riseth up again. . . ." Now you know that the saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," is biblical.

Since we are born into a fallen world, failure is part of the human experience. Unfortunately, some people allow failure to cripple their lives so that they never move beyond the failure. They live their lives with the sad explanation that they can never do anything right. However, in Christ, our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus, and we become new creations. God is the God of the

second chance.

We at Jacksonville College offer a second chance to those who have gone through twelve years of school and have experienced failure and/or feel like failures for various reasons. Many colleges say "no" to those students with poor performance records or those with low scores on entrance exams. Others start college only to fail. Jacksonville College has an open enrollment policy because we believe in giving these students a second chance. We offer developmental courses to assist these students in preparing for the basic college courses. If you or someone you know has experienced academic failure, we encourage you to consider Jacksonville College, a school that not only believes in challenging minds but also in transforming lives.

Applications are still being accepted at Jacksonville College for Fall 2016. Registration of admitted students is ongoing. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@jacksonville-college.edu](mailto:admissions@jacksonville-college.edu) or 903-589-7110, or visit [www.jacksonville-college.edu](http://www.jacksonville-college.edu) and click on the "Admissions" tab. For course schedules, click on the "Course Offerings" link on the home page of the website. Classes begin on August 17.



THELMA JUANITA  
MCMAHAN

(2/23/1922 – 6/20/2016)

In her 28 years as instructor and chair of Jacksonville College's Business Administration Department, Juanita McMahan ("Miss Mac") left a legacy of love for the College and for JC students. Alumni fondly remember her sweet spirit and giving nature and the motherly hugs she so freely gave. A Sunday School teacher for 30 years at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Juanita was firm in her faith, and her love for the Lord was obvious in the way she lived her life and ministered to others. We are deeply grateful for Juanita's many years of dedicated service to Jacksonville College. She is reaping the rewards of her service now and rejoicing in the presence of her Savior.





# A word from your Missionaries:

By HEITH MITCHELL

## ARNULFO MALDONADO – TEXAS HISPANIC COORDINATOR

It was fun and challenging walking the streets of Nacadoches distributing flyers and asking businesses for permission to post flyers. Six adults, two youths, and three children took part in this adventure.

We now wait to Sunday to see how many will show up at this new mission. Please pray about it.

Thank God for the opportunity to be part of taking the message to the lost.



▲ Arnulfo Maldonado

## DARREN LEMONS – THE REFUGE MISSION, TERRELL

We are excited to announce we will be baptizing a 6 year old girl on July 10 and possibly a few more. Also, we are collecting socks to distribute to all Terrell ISD students. We would love for you to help collect some socks for us. The socks need to be white socks with no logos on them. Thank you for your prayers and support.



▲ Darren Lemons

## CECIL LINKE – JOURNEY COMMUNITY MISSION, ALLEN

Journey opted for hosting a Backyard Kids Club style VBS. We met for three nights using the playground of the school where we meet on Sundays. We had 20 kids over 3 nights and about 14 great helpers. The kids played, participated in great crafts and heard the gospel message. Pray that we can continue to interact and develop relationships with the families of the eight kids who do not attend Journey!



▲ Cecil Linke

## GARY SOUTHARD – THE CHURCH AT VALLEY RANCH, PORTER

For the months of June through August we began hosting our weekly home group meetings again. We have three homes that we meet in every Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a good way for us to get to know each other.

Each home group has their own leader who brings the devotional. We use this time to disciple and pray for the mission. Our average has been 28 to 30 total.

We are losing one of our key families—the Davis Family. They are moving to Paris, Texas mid July. This family has been a blessing and have served in many areas including worship, hostess, children's ministry and home group leaders. We will miss them greatly.

We also had an increase in our partnership and the membership of our mother church, Beacon, Bryan. We had Glenn and Fran Heil and Andy and Amanda Martin join our mission.

Rhonda and I cannot do this without your continued support and prayers. Thank you!



▲ Gary Southard

## MATTHEW PRATHER – THE BRIDGE MISSION, MIDLOTHIAN

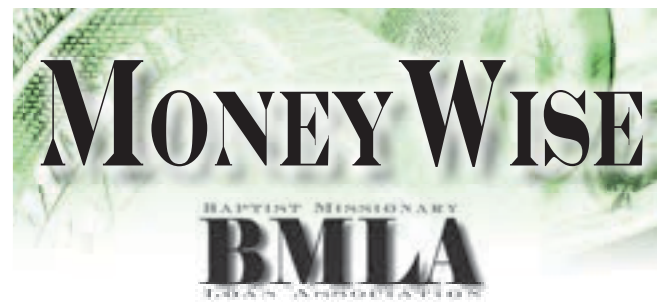
During the month of June my family relocated to our new field in Midlothian. We are excited to begin a new work in Ellis County. We have now been here for a couple weeks. We are meeting our neighbors and other people around town and beginning to build a launch team. Please continue to pray for us. Here are some specific areas we could use your prayer. Pray that God would use The Bridge to reach those far from God in Ellis County. Pray for new relationships to be made and for those that will join our launch team. Also, pray for our upcoming vision meeting that we are planning. Thank you so much for your continued support and prayer



▲ Matthew Prather

A big “Thank You” from Your Church’s Mission Movement in Texas

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By JERRY BURNAMAN

Our world is in chaos! Terrorism, violent demonstrations, murder, drug trafficking, immorality, and a host of other unlawful and immoral deeds are common in America. How are Christians to respond? Remember that God is the Creator and in control of the universe: He owns it! The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1).

Therefore, we are to practice living by faith every day, and keep our eyes on God. We're here to honor Him in every activity: work, giving and saving. Solomon teaches us about laziness that leads to financial ruin (Proverbs 6:6-11). It's essential to have a vocation or business, producing income for family necessities, pay the mortgage, and honor God.

Perhaps there is a desire to be rich. Instead of working to heap riches upon ourselves, consider the biblical model: GIVE! He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

When reading the writings of popular motivational speakers, Early Nightingale, Denis Waitley, Zig Zeigler, Jim Rohn and others, they emphasize one mark of successful people is the contribution they make to society. Thus, believers should think about giving more than getting.

Solomon gives us some living truths about money in Ecclesiastes 5:10-17:

- The more you have the more you want (5:10).
- The more you have the more you spend (5:11).
- The more you have the more you worry (5:12).
- The more you have the more you lose (5:13, 14).
- The more you have the more you leave (5:14-17).

Whatever we have is from God, so it is His to do with as He pleases. When all is said and done, our ability to earn money is God's gift to us. He gave us the ability to earn what we have; we need the same ability to enjoy it.

Matthew 6:33 says seek first the kingdom of God and He will supply all the things we need. But anyone who inverts the process and lives as if money is the goal will miss not only the joy of what he or she has but will miss the sense of God's blessing on his or her life.

What does the Bible say about managing money? The answer can be summarized with one word: WISDOM. We are to save money, but not hoard it. We are to spend money, but with discretion and control. We are to give back to the Lord, joyfully and sacrificially. We are to use our money to help others, but with discernment and the guidance of God's Spirit. It is not wrong to be rich, but it is wrong to love money. It is not wrong to be poor, but it is wrong to waste money on trivial things. Through the years I've heard this advice: Give 10 percent of your income to the Lord, save 10 percent, and live on the 80 percent.

One way you can save money is by investing in the Baptist Missionary Loan Association of Texas. Our vision is to assist growing churches to purchase property, build buildings and expand their ministries. An investment in the BMLA honors God by growing His Kingdom's work.

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## EVENTS

### JULY 21, 2016

*Baptist Progress Ministry*  
 Connection Workshop:  
 Mobilizing People for Ministry  
 WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: BMA of Texas Building,  
 Waxahachie  
 WHO: Dr. Blanton Feaster, education pastor,  
 Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie

### AUGUST 25, 2015

*Baptist Progress Ministry*  
 Connection Workshop:  
 Intentional Interim Pastor &  
 Pastor Search Team Training  
 WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: BMA of Texas Building,  
 Waxahachie  
 WHO: Jerry Fulton, editor,  
 Baptist Progress, Waxahachie

### SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

*Baptist Progress Ministry*  
 Connection Workshop:  
 Transitioning to Small Groups  
 WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: BMA of Texas Building,  
 Waxahachie  
 WHO: Dr. Blanton Feaster, education pastor,  
 Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie

### OCTOBER 20, 2016

*Baptist Progress Ministry*  
 Connection Workshop:  
 Understanding Generations  
 WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: BMA of Texas Building,  
 Waxahachie  
 WHO: Jerry Burnaman, manager,  
 Baptist Missionary Loan Association

### NOVEMBER 14, 2016

*Baptist Progress &*  
 Ellis-Hill Baptist Association Ministry  
 Connection Conference  
 WHEN: 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: Farley Street Baptist Church,  
 Waxahachie  
 WHO: Pastor Jonathan Falwell,  
 Dr. John Bisagno, Pastor Jerry  
 Jolly, Brian Free & Assurance

### NOVEMBER 15-16, 2016

Baptist Missionary Association  
 116th Annual Session  
 WHERE: Farley Street Baptist Church,  
 Waxahachie, Texas

## PERSONNEL & POSITIONS

### AVAILABLE POSITIONS

**YOUTH/STUDENT MINISTRY**—Calvary, Jacksonville is seeking a youth bivocational youth pastor. Send resume to Michael Mathis at mathi1314@gmail.com or call 903-625-0776. <sup>8/3</sup>

**ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MINISTRY**—LifeHouse Fellowship, Wills Point is seeking to fill the position of Associate/Student Ministry. This is a full time position, part-time possible. Send resume to Tammy Cunningham, P.O. Box 1486 Canton Texas 75103, or lifehousefellowshipnew@gmail.com. For information or questions you can call Mike Stone at 903-279-5868. <sup>TFN</sup>

**PASTOR**—Opelika Missionary, Brownsboro is seeking a pastor. For more information, call 903-469-3692 or 903-515-2288. <sup>TFN</sup>

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## CHURCH NEWS

**SECURITY CALVARY, CLEVELAND** is hosting a Bible Conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 23. Visiting area ministers will be here to speak. Please join us for this fellowship. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church. We are located at 5442 South Duck Creek Road, Cleveland. The church will also have Vacation Bible School June 20-24.

**ROSEWOOD, GILMER** reports a luncheon was held on June 26 in commemoration of Michael and Roxanne O'Connor's retirement as youth directors. They have served the church for the past 18 years in the position. They were presented an engraved mantle clock and a love offering of \$100 for each of the years they have served in this position. The O'Connors plan to remain at Rosewood and serve in other positions. Brian Mauk has surrendered to the Gospel ministry and was licensed by Rosewood on June 26. He has accepted the call as the new youth pastor at Rosewood.

## CHURCHES IN REVIEW

### JULY 3, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
Calvary, Ennis	20	26	1 by letter
Glade Creek, Gilmer	20	36	
Harvest, Lufkin	45	50	
Jackson, Joaquin	77	149	
Little Flock, Jewett	5	23	1 by statement
Little Flock, Lufkin	13	13	
New Harmony, Tyler	288	390	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		62	2 by baptism
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	38	46	
Piney Creek, Kennard	15	23	
Rosewood, Gilmer	140	246	3 by baptism
Security Calvary, Cleveland	18	48	

### JULY 10, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
Calvary, Ennis	23	35	
First, Blooming Grove	213		
Glade Creek, Gilmer	24	42	
Harvest, Lufkin	40	55	
Jackson, Joaquin	67	134	
Little Flock, Lufkin	13	13	
New Harmony, Tyler	277	350	
New Hope, Mineola	64	109	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	42	49	
Pine Brook, Tyler	39	55	1 by statement
Piney Creek, Kennard	17	23	
Rosewood, Gilmer	127	243	2 by baptism
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	14	19	

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# Sunday School Lessons

## Ephesians: Exaltation

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: August 7, 2016

TEXT: Ephesians 1:3-6; 2:1-7

If we were to lose our nation to a God-hating, tyrannical political system and were told we could only keep one book of the Bible, I believe I would choose Ephesians. In this book of six chapters, virtually every doctrine of the scripture is contained. The first three chapters deal with our position in Christ — the final three chapters instruct us as to what our practice should be because of that position.

In Chapter one, Paul explains the eternal work of grace, which God the Father has established from the foundation of the world. He states God's eternal purpose for saving us — Paul wrote it several times — “according to the pleasure of His good will”; “according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.” Also in this chapter, Paul explains how, upon salvation, we are “sealed by the Holy spirit's seal of promise.” He refers to that “sealing” as the “earnest of our inheritance.” Earnest comes from a word which means “down-payment” and “engagement ring.” Just as a couple seals the deal on a new house with earnest money — just as the groom-to-be seals the promise of his bride-to-be with a ring, the Holy Spirit's seal on our salvation is an unbreakable pact which God has given, to assure us we can never again become

unsaved. We are sealed until that day of redemption.

Chapter two contains the well-known text (2:8-10) explaining that salvation is totally of grace — even the faith is so ordered of God. Our doctrinal statement says it is “without any admixture of works.” Then we are told that we are “His workmanship” created in Christ Jesus (in order to) do good works. Nothing in works of the flesh can be neither acceptable, nor satisfactory to God. It is His work through us only which brings Him glory.

Chapter three Paul explains the revealing of the mystery of the ages, which was not revealed to Old Testament saints; the mystery being that Jesus Christ's death on the cross opened the way for the middle wall of partition between the Jews and gentiles to come down, making the gentiles “fellow heirs” of the promise of Christ.

Paul also reveals how the New Testament church is demonstrating this new advent to the Holy angels in glory. (3:10)

In chapter four, Paul goes into detail about how we are to live as members of the Body of Christ; He has given the church the “office gifts” in order to shepherd, teach and feed the flock of God (4:7-13) and that our new life in Christ is no longer given to false doctrine, and of being children of disobedience. (4:17-19)

Chapter five deals with our walk (or lifestyle) and how it should exude 1. discipline - verse 17-29; 2. joy and worship (verse 19) 3. thanksgiving, (verse 20) and submission (verse 5:22-6:9)

Chapter six, Paul describes the armor and how it is essential for every believer to don ourselves with every implement of spiritual warfare in order to stave off the flaming missiles and the onslaughts of the spirit of darkness.

## Philippians: Exultation

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: August 14, 2016

TEXT: Philippians 1:3-6; 25; 2:17-18

Paul wrote this, one of the four “prison epistles” probably during the end of his Roman imprisonment. He expressed thanksgiving for the faithfulness of the people of Philippi, and he obviously had a sweet, close relationship with them.

More than just being thankful for his relationship with them, he was thankful that the gospel was gaining traction, even though not everyone who preached the gospel did so with pure motives. Some preached for the monetary value in it. But Paul said, “No matter.” either motive is getting the gospel out.

Paul proclaimed that he would never be ashamed of the gospel and that he would always be bold to proclaim it. He drew the distinction between living — and dying for Christ, saying that dying in the Lord was better. He also admonished the saints at Philippi to conduct their lives as heavenly citizens rather than to become entangled with things of this world. (1:27)

He challenged them in chapter two to love one another, and to follow Jesus' lead as humble servants.

He also wrote them of a visit which they would

receive from Timothy, who was like a son to Paul. He also commended Epaphroditus who was a tremendous help to Paul in the work.

Chapter three - Paul warns the church to be on guard for false teachers who teach that circumcision is essential to salvation. It is only through Christ. He also encouraged them to press toward the goal of the high calling of God. Paul obviously had a keen interest in sports in that day, using the analogy of the runner to illustrate the Christian race (3:14)

Paul leaves them with some final thoughts in chapter four — to always rejoice in the Lord, to refrain from worry, and to have a spirit of thanksgiving. In doing so, they would come to understand how the Father guard their hearts. He told them to always affix their thoughts and minds on things which were pure, and lovely, just, — things which were worthy of praise — good report.

The Philippian church was generous in their support of the gospel, and to support Paul. (4:10-17)

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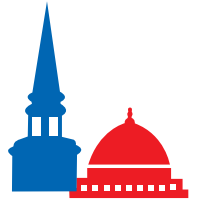
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## Yea, to Our Grandparents September 11, 2016, will be Grandparents Day in our BMA churches



By DR. JOHN M. ADAMS

The word "grandparent" is not in Webster's Dictionary. Is that a surprise to many of you? Even if it isn't an official word, it is so real and so good! If Webster chose to ignore the word, we Christians highlight it!

Grandparents are to be a delight in God's family structure. The grands faith will surely effect our future generations. One wonderful Bible model was Timothy's grandmother Lois of 2 Timothy 1:5. The Apostle Paul says to his spiritual son Timothy, I miss you and I long to see you. Lois' faith in Christ was a great influence on Eunice and Timothy.

Grandfather and grandmother a forceful question is "are you influencing your grandkids in such a way that they bring joy and peace to all around them? Or are you just spoiling them and then sending them home?" May we be challenged to influence their salvation, godliness, a good work ethic, and good manners in life?

A seven-year-old said, "A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes others' boys and girls. Grandmas don't have anything to do except be there. If they take us for walks, they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say, "Hurry up". Usually they are pretty fat, but not too fat to tie shoes. They wear glasses, and sometimes they can take their teeth out. They answer questions why dogs hate cats and why God isn't married. When they read to us, they don't skip words or mind if it is the same story again. Everybody should try to have a grandma, especially if you don't have a T.V." (Unknown)

**As Lois did, grandparents should:**

- Teach them of Jesus and salvation,
- Guide them toward good grades,
- Model a good marriage before them,
- Don't curse, smoke or drink alcohol before them,
- Avoid watching bad T.V. shows with them,
- Be consistent in your church life,
- Play with them often,
- Tell them that you love them,
- Share your past life with them,
- Look for good things in your grands,

Believe them and believe in them,  
Don't pressure them to excel, and  
Talk straight to them about sensitive subjects.

**As Lois did, grandparents should not:**

- Dishonor the grandchildren's parents,
- Change the parents rule, unless it is illegal,
- Correct the parent in front of the child,
- Laugh at their sins and mistakes.

Our nation, our churches, and our homes are facing a moral and spiritual decline. It is evident in America as grands see in every 24 hours: 3,000 divorces, 1629 children are put in adult jails on average, 3,200 run away from home, 1,512 drop out of high school, and 7,742 teens become sexually active every day. So we see the great need of spiritual adults, and spiritual parents/grandparents. Our children need us.

We see the great joy and delight that Grandparents give us, so we say "Yea to our Grandparents!" If you need a good laugh or to get out of the doldrums, stay close to these special God-given kiddos. As Grandpa Joe's wife Grandma Susie was at home babysitting her grandchildren, Susie wondered just how much her 3-year old granddaughter Joanie had learned. Grandma picked up a box of crayons and began a test to see if Joanie had learned her colors yet. She would pull a crayon out of the box and ask what color it was. Little Joanie would tell her and always she was correct. Finally, the grandchild slid out of the porch swing and headed to the door. Over her shoulder, the little one said, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

Proverbs 17:6 "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers".

Genesis 48:9 states "And Joseph said unto his father, they are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And Jacob said, bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them." As Teresa Bloomingdale said, "If your baby is beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule, and an angel all the time, you're the grandma!"

Yea, to our Grandparents!